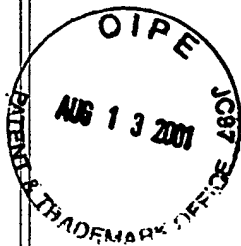


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121(a)

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 26-32 and 34-46 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (Amended) A control device for controlling a device via a network, comprising:

a communication interface adapted to receive a description file including description data for a control panel of the device; and
a controller adapted to automatically activate the description file, if the description file is received. --.

Please enter the following additional claims.

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